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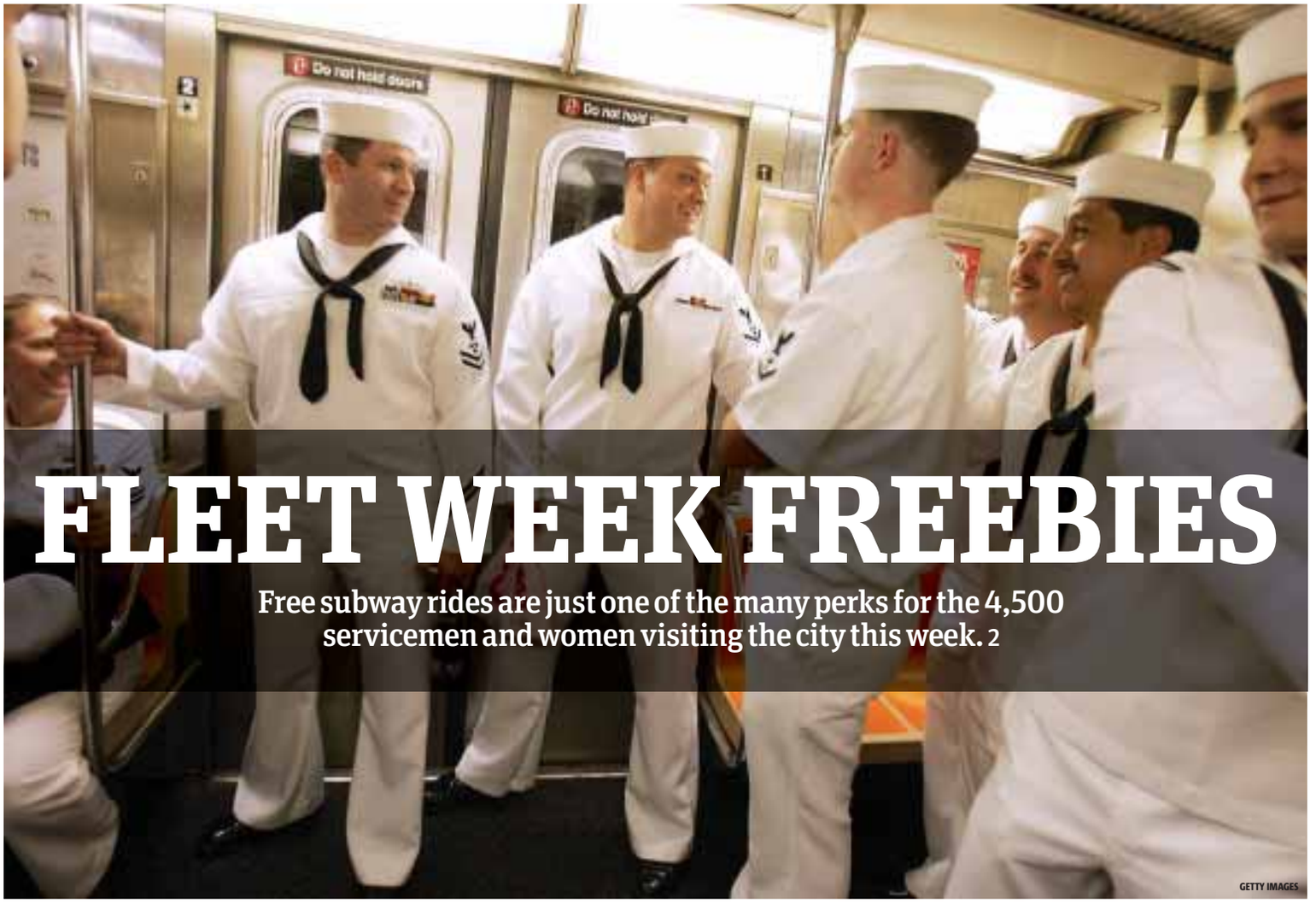

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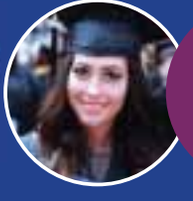

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Twitter said Tuesday that user names and media attachments such as photos and videos will no longer count toward the length of a tweet but the 140-character limit will remain. The change, part of Twitter's efforts to simplify its microblogging service, will happen in the next few months. "A few simple changes to make conversations on Twitter easier! And no more removing characters for images or videos!" CEO Jack Dorsey said in a 115-character tweet. Twitter's stock hit a low at $13.72 Tuesday, while investor sentiment around Twitter stock plunged on social media, according to Reuters data. REUTERS

TWO FBI AGENTS SHOT WHILE SERVING WARRANT IN CHICAGO AREA

2 Two FBI agents were shot and wounded in a Chicago suburb Tuesday as they tried to arrest an alleged gang member wanted for dealing drugs, and the suspect was killed, the FBI and local media said. The agents suffered non-life-threatening gunshot wounds, said Garrett Croon, spokesman for the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Chicago. The man they were trying to arrest was found dead in the Park Forest, Illinois, home where an arrest warrant was being served, Croon said. He said it was not known who shot and killed the suspect in the suburb about 30 miles south of downtown Chicago. The Chicago Tribune, citing a federal law enforcement source, said FBI agents had gone to the home to arrest the man, who was a high-ranking member of the Black P Stone Nation street gang, on charges of narcotics trafficking. REUTERS

APPLE REHIRES SECURITY PRO AS ENCRYPTION FIGHT BOILS

3 Apple, which has resisted pressure from U.S. law enforcement to unlock encrypted iPhones, this month rehired a top expert in practical cryptography to bring more powerful security features to a wide range of consumer products. Jon Callas, who co-founded several well-respected secure communications companies including PGP Corp., Silent Circle and Blackphone, rejoined Apple in May, an Apple spokesman said. Callas had worked at Apple in the 1990s and again between 2009 and 2011, when he designed an encryption system to protect data stored on a Macintosh computer. Apple declined to detail his new role, and Callas declined to comment. REUTERS

Subway rides will be free for servicemen and women during Fleet Week. GETTY IMAGES

New York: It's on us for Fleet Week

Freebies and discounts range from free rides on subways to half-off meals, admissions and tours for the 4,500 servicemen and women visiting the city.

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If you're a sailor, Marine, or Coast Guardsman in New York this week for Fleet Week, your money's no good, because it's on us this time.

From May 25 through May 31, an estimated 4,500 servicemen and women are expected to flood the city's streets during Fleet Week New York — now in its 28th year.

During the weeklong event beginning Wednesday, the city will celebrate the maritime services and give New Yorkers the chance to meet the sailors, Marines and Coasties, and get a first-hand look at what they do.

And what better way to celebrate the hardworking men and women than by offering them a wide-range of freebies and discounts.

The USO of Metropolitan New York has compiled a list of discount sites in a booklet available for servicemen and women online at usonyc.org.

Among the freebies are free transportation — for those wearing their service uniforms — on all MTA subways and buses; a free ticket for the choosing of a double-decker Gray Line bus tour; and free admission to the 9/11 Memorial, Bronx Zoo and Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum

Along with the freebies, there are also large discounts throughout the city that servicemen and women can enjoy.

Some of the discounts include 10 percent off all food, nonalcoholic beverages and merchandise at Bubba Gump Shrimp Co. with VIP priority seating; a free glass of wine with purchase of an entrée at Michael Jordan's The Steak House N.Y.C at Grand Central Terminal; 50 percent off any menu item at Pinkberry located at 7 West 32nd St.; and 20 percent off at Slate, located at 54 West 21st Street.

Other Fleet Week perks include 20 percent off admission at the 9/11 Tribute Center; half off admission at Madame Tussauds New York; and a complimentary VIP shopping pass and gift from The Shops at Columbus Circle.

There are also discounts on walking tours, water taxis, historical tours, helicopter tours and cruises.

The USO is expected to be on hand at each location ships will dock across the city. Eleven ships are expected to dock at sites including Pier 92 in Manhattan, Brooklyn Cruise Terminal and U.S.S. The Sullivan's Homeport Pier in Staten Island.

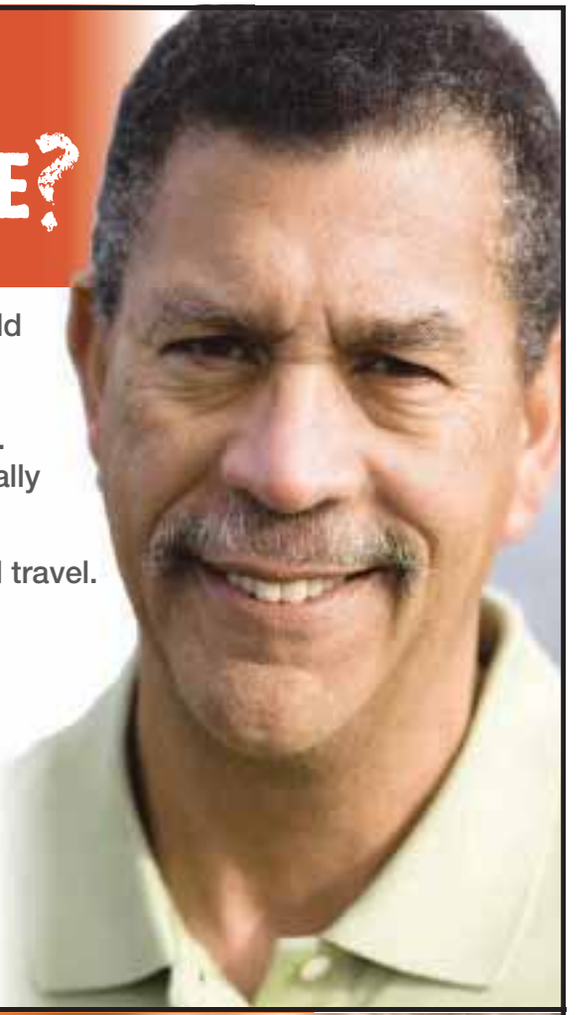
"For 75 years, the USO has continued its timeless mission to strengthen America's service members by keeping them connected to family, home and country, throughout their service to the nation," the USO said in a statement. "Fleet Week New York is just one of the many ways the USO continues our important mission of connection."

During Fleet Week New York the public will also get the chance to visit ships, listen to military bands perform and partake in numerous exhibits and demonstrations showcasing the latest Naval Services' technology.

More info

For more information and to get a full list of events, visit **fleetweeknewyork.com.**

DO YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW HAVE MILD ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE?



PRA Health Sciences in Marlton is now seeking individuals with mild Alzheimer's disease for a research study. To qualify for this study, individuals should be male or female between ages 55 and 85. Other than mild Alzheimer's, they should be in general good health. Females should be postmenopausal for at least one year or surgically sterile.

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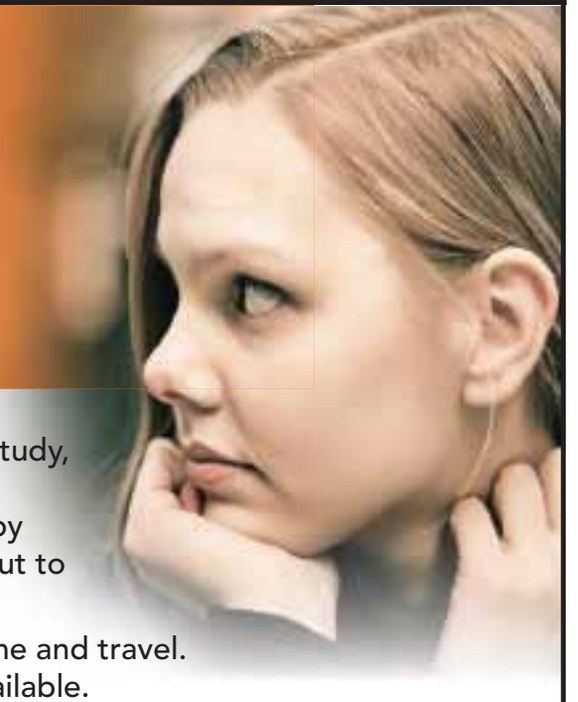

If so, this person could qualify for a clinical research study being conducted by PRA Health Sciences in Marlton. To qualify for this study, this male or female should be between ages 18 and 60. He or she should also have had at least three months of antipsychotic therapy within the past five years. Females should not be pregnant or about to become pregnant.

Those who qualify for this study may be compensated for their time and travel. This study requires an inpatient hospital stay. Transportation is available.

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Condo report: 15 Central Park West towers over the competition

Building reclaims title as Manhattan's most expensive residential address after falling behind One57 last year.

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An Upper West Side tower is again leading the way as the most expensive building in Manhattan, reclaiming the title after falling from the top spot last year.

The residential building at 15 Central Park West is the toniest address in Manhattan, with an average price per square foot of $6,039, according to CityRealty's semiannual report, which examined the top 100 condominium buildings in the borough in the last quarter of 2015 through the first quarter of this year.

Runners-up

Coming in second was last year's leader, One57, at 157 West 57th St., followed by the Walker Tower, located at 212 West 18th St.; 432 Park Avenue; and the Time Warner Center at 25 Columbus Circle.

The top two residential high-rises also came in one-two in most expensive condo sales — a four-bedroom, six-bathroom-plus condo in 15 Central Park West sold for $45 million, while a three-bedroom, four-and-a-half bath apartment at 432 Park Ave. went for $44.8 million. A second apartment at 15 Central Park West with four bedrooms and five-and-a-half baths sold for $35 million.

Priciest borough

Despite continuing as the most expensive place to buy a home among the five boroughs, Manhattan saw a rise in the number of apartments sold.

The analysis found that between Oct. 1, 2015, and March 31, there were a total of 566 apartment sales in the borough compared with 334 sold during the same time period the year before.

According to CityRealty, the increase in sales is a result of a large number of sponsor sales in newer residential buildings such as 150 Charles St., 1 Riverside Park and the Greenwich Lane. A sponsor apartment is a unit owned by the original owner or corporation responsible for turning a building from a rental into a co-op, and the sale generally does not require co-op board approval.

During the time period, the average price per square foot was $2,602, showing a year-over-year price decrease of 8 percent, while the median price per square foot was $2,344 — a 3 percent increase from the median the year before.

A view of New York city to west from the 75th floor of 432 Park Avenue. GETTY IMAGES

Slowing growth

This report comes weeks after an analysis by StreetEasy found that although median resale prices in Manhattan rose 3.8 percent from last year, there has been a decline in the growth of home prices.

Based on the report, median resale prices are expected to grow by 2.6 percent in the next 12 months, with growth being led in upper Manhattan, followed by the Upper West Side.

Cops: Wanted sex offender attacked same woman twice

Authorities are looking for a sex offender they said attacked the same woman twice in two weeks in Manhattan.

Jeffrey Mahon, 49, was identified by the victim as the man who first followed her and grabbed her buttocks Tuesday, May 3, near the corner of Broadway and West 64th Street, police reported. She was able to break free from his grip and get away.

After escaping his first assault, the victim encountered Mahon again Sunday, May 15, when she saw him near the corner of 45th Street and Eighth Avenue, police said, adding that he again tried to touch her, but the victim got inside her car and locked the doors as he banged on the hood before fleeing.

The suspect NYPD

Mahon, who has had several open-container busts and was charged for failing to register as a sex offender in New Jersey and for allegedly urinating on a police fingerprint machine in 2010, was recently kicked out of a homeless shelter, the New York Post reported.

Got info?

Police encourage anyone with information on Jeffrey Mahon to call the NYPD's Crime Stoppers Hotline at 1-800-577-TIPS (8477) or, for Spanish, 1-888-57-PISTA (74782). The public can also submit their tips by logging onto the Crime Stoppers website at NYPDcrimestoppers.com.

Police told NBC4 that, despite being attacked twice by Mahon, the woman does not know him.

Mahon has been referred to by authorities as a "noncompliant sex offender," the New York Daily News added.

JASON NUCKOLLS

NAIL STORE ROBBERY

Police: Masked gunmen tie up workers, leave them in basement in nail store robbery

Police are looking for an alleged criminal duo caught on video terrorizing employees at a Bronx nail supply store during an armed robbery.

On May 13 at about 2:30 p.m. the two suspects — both wearing black masks over their faces — entered T's Nail Supply located at 2427 E. Tremont Ave., according to authorities.

The first suspect is seen on surveillance video opening a clear umbrella before taking out a handgun and demanding money from the 27-year-old and 49-year-old employees, police said.

The employees complied and gave the suspects money from a cash register, cops said. However, the suspects then took the workers to the basement of the store, tied them up and left them there.

The men then took money from a second register before running from the scene.

Authorities said the suspect who drew the firearm was seen carrying a purple and black duffel bag and was wearing a black T-shirt over a gray hooded sweater and black pants.

The second man carried a black backpack, red umbrella and was last seen wearing a gray hooded sweater and black pants.

Anyone with information in regard to this incident is asked to call the NYPD's Crime Stoppers Hotline at 1-800-577-TIPS (8477) or for Spanish, 1-888-57-PISTA (74782).

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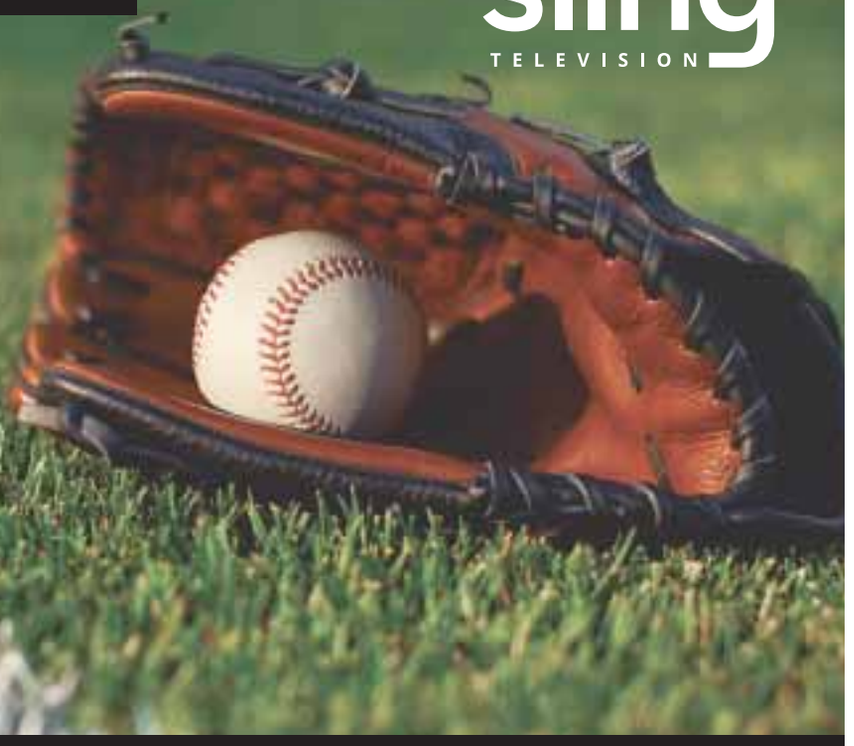

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Baz Luhrmann 'The Get Down' home for sale in Brooklyn

"Everyone was excited when Jaden Smith was walking on 21st Street."

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Things are getting funky in Flatbush.

A home in the Brooklyn neighborhood that was used as a setting in the new Netflix series from famed director Baz Luhrmann is currently listed for $1,350,000.

This brick house, built in 1930 and located at 216 E. 21st St., has 3,500 square feet of interior space with six bedrooms and four bathrooms. Though its listing, from Citi Habitats, boasts original details, such as parquet flooring, decorative fireplaces and French doors, the property is described as a fixer-upper. But it has "extremely motivated" sellers with a price that has room for renovations.

The property also comes with some TV cred, as, according to Citi Habitats agent Jamaal Davis, the upcoming Netflix series "The Get Down" filmed scenes there.

Created by Luhrmann ("Romeo + Juliet," "Moulin Rouge!," "The Great Gatsby") and Shawn Ryan, the series is scheduled to debut on Netflix in August.

According to the streaming service, the show "is a mythic saga of the transformation of 1970s New York City" as "told through the lives and music of a ragtag crew of South Bronx teens," starring familiar names such as Jaden Smith and Jimmy Smits.

Scenes were shot in the interior and exterior of the Flatbush house, according to Davis, including the kitchen, second floor, basement, backyard.

The home, an estate sale, was empty at the time, and wallpaper was added and finishes were changed.

"The current owners actually got some renovations from it," Davis said.

He said the house was likely chosen for filming for its "old school vibe," curb appeal and location on a dead-end street. Scenes were also shot at a nearby church.

Though its location provided fewer disturbances to traffic and neighbors, there was a lot of buzz around Jaden Smith, who shot family scenes for the show in the house.

"Everyone was excited when Jaden Smith was walking on 21st Street," Davis said. "It was good morale for the neighborhood."

According to the New York Post, "The Get Down" has previously shot at locations around the Bronx, in SoHo, at the former CBGB site, at Studio 54 and at what was the newly-built Twin Towers in the '70s.

The Post also reported a significant price drop in the Flatbush home, showing it listed for $1.92 million in March.

"The Get Down" is interested in shooting more scenes at the 216 E. 21st St. property in the future, according to Davis, which he said could be an added bonus to homeowners, especially ones looking to keep it empty while doing renovations.

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Bronx man charged with supporting ISIS

Besides keeping an ISIS flag in his Norwood apartment, sources said that Sajmir Alimehmeti also purchased weapons, handcuffs and masks.

A New York City man was arrested on Tuesday and charged with providing material support to Islamic State by trying to help an undercover law enforcement employee travel to Syria to fight with the militant group.

Sajmir Alimehmeti, a 22-year-old from the Bronx borough, was charged in a criminal complaint filed in federal court in Manhattan, which said that he had also since mid-2015 made multiple purchases of knives and military-type equipment.

Alimehmeti was arrested at his Bronx residence on Tuesday morning, a spokeswoman for the FBI said, and is expected to appear in court later in the day.

A lawyer for Alimehmeti could not be immediately identified. Prosecutors said he is a naturalized U.S. citizen.

He is among nearly 90 people who since 2014 have faced federal charges over crimes related to Islamic State, which controls territory in Syria and Iraq and has claimed responsibility for attacks in Paris in November that killed 130 people.

According to the complaint, Alimehmeti had been on the radar of authorities since at least 2014, when he was twice denied entry to the United Kingdom.

During his second attempt, when he arrived at Heathrow Airport, authorities seized his laptop and cellphone and discovered he had numerous images of Islamic State flags and improvised explosive device attacks, the complaint said.

90
PEOPLE HAVE FACED U.S. CHARGES OVER ISIS-RELATED CRIMES SINCE 2014

Once back in New York, undercover law enforcement employees with the FBI and New York Police Department posing as Islamic State supporters began meeting with Alimehmeti in 2015, the complaint said.

During a lunch at a Manhattan restaurant last Tuesday, Alimehmeti told two of the undercover agents, including one who claimed to be planning to travel to Syria, that he had saved $2,500 for his own trip but still needed a passport.

The complaint said Alimehmeti had applied in October 2015 for a new U.S. passport, falsely claiming that he lost his previous one, when in fact he believed using his one with the U.K. rejection stamps would raise suspicions.

At the lunch, Alimehmeti reported that his brother had also planned to go to Syria but was arrested in Albania in August 2015 on weapons and assault charges, the complaint said.

After the meal, Alimehmeti bought boots for two undercover agents and helped one of them secure supplies including a phone, compass, bag and flashlight for his purported trip to Syria, the complaint said. REUTERS

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Bystanders thwart robbery attempt in PATH station

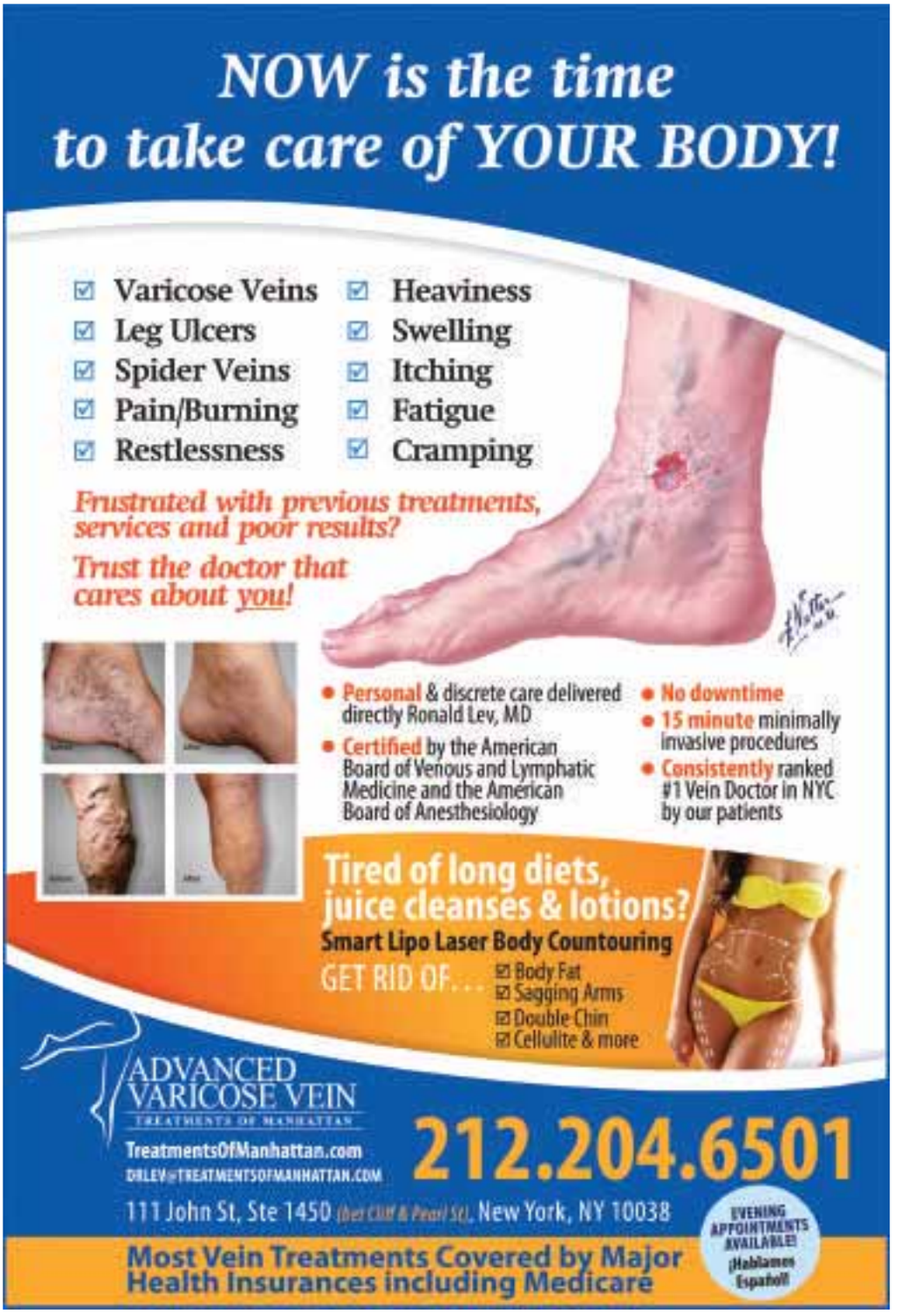
Several onlookers in the World Trade Center PATH station helped restrain a would-be robber until officers arrived, the Port Authority police department said.

At 3 p.m. Monday, officials arrested 23-year-old Christopher L. Lange, of Brooklyn. The victim, a 21-year-old woman, reported to police that Lange tried to snatch her purse while they were on the escalator. He pulled at her purse several times, attempting to snatch it from the victim's hands.

Police said Lange then continued down the escalator without the victim's purse, and attempted to snatch another person's purse when bystanders approached and began fighting with the suspect, attempting to restrain him.

Lange has been charged with attempted robbery. ALEXIS SACHDEV

Lange PROVIDED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State sues Domino's for wage theft

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Domino's allegedly urged franchisees to use the company's computer system for their payrolls, even though the same system was known for years to undercalculate gross wages.

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A multiyear investigation has culminated with a lawsuit announced on Tuesday that was filed against Domino's, alleging the company underpaid workers in ten different New York locations.

New York Attorney General Eric T. Schneiderman's office filed the suit, which charged that Domino's franchisees paid subminimum wages, failed to pay overtime, abused the tip credit and did not fully reimburse employees for delivery-related expenses.

"We've found rampant wage violations at Domino's franchise stores. And, as our suit alleges, we've discovered that Domino's headquarters was intensely involved in store operations, and even caused many of these violations," Schneiderman stated.

During the investigation, officials discovered that Domino's allegedly urged franchisees to use the company's computer system for their payrolls, even though the same system was known for years to undercalculate gross wages, according to the attorney general's office.

The company deemed fixing the flaws that caused the underpayments a "low priority."

"Under these circumstances, New York law — as well as basic human decency — holds Domino's responsible for the alleged mistreatment of the workers who make and deliver the company's pizza. Domino's can, and must, fix this problem," Schneiderman stated.

The attorney general's lawsuit aimed to establish that Domino's was the joint employer of the workers at the franchises named in the suit, determine the full restitution owed to workers at those stores and to find that Domino's violated state franchise law.

Stores in lawsuit

Schneiderman has settled cases with 12 Domino's franchisees who have agreed to pay around $1.5 million, the attorney general's office stated.

The three franchisees named in Tuesday's lawsuit operate 10 stores in the New York City area as well as Westchester, Nassau and Montgomery counties.

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Clinton blasts Trump for cheering the housing bubble burst

Clinton's campaign released an ad with audio Trump had recorded in 2006 for his now-defunct Trump University venture. He said of a "bubble burst" that "I sort of hope that happens because then people like me would go in and buy" property and "make a lot of money."

Protesters hold signs in front of Donald Trump's new Trump International Hotel on Tuesday in Washington, D.C. GETTY IMAGES

Democrat Hillary Clinton, seeking to dampen Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump's growing appeal with working-class voters, on Tuesday accused him of having cheered on the 2008 housing market crash.

Clinton's campaign and her surrogates have seized on the recording to argue that she would take better care of the U.S. economy. She is seeking to blunt the inroads that Trump has been making with voters in crucial states such as Florida and Ohio.

Opinion polls in key states show Clinton, the front-runner for the Democratic nomination, and Trump are in a tight race ahead of the Nov. 8 presidential election. Nationally, Trump has been rising in polls to pull roughly even with Clinton.

Clinton surrogates from Ohio and Florida held a conference call with reporters about Trump's statements. Her campaign also hosted related events in Virginia, Pennsylvania, New Hampshire, Iowa, Colorado and Nevada, which will all be battlegrounds in November's general election.

"How could Trump possibly champion the collapse of the housing market and our economy?" U.S. Representative Tim Ryan of Ohio said on the call.

In Ohio, the 2008 recession led to 394,000 families losing their homes, housing values declined 16 percent and 411,000 people lost jobs, Ryan said.

In Florida, 1.5 million lost homes and more than 800,000 lost jobs, Tampa Mayor Bob Buckhorn said on the call, characterizing the state as "ground zero" of the housing crisis.

Trump's campaign did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

Clinton, meanwhile, is still fighting on two fronts as she seeks to wrap up her primary battle with Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders.

Clinton and Sanders both campaigned on Tuesday in California, which is among six states holding Democratic nominating contests on June 7. California has more Democratic delegates than any other state, and Sanders has invested heavily there.

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Too soon to say explosion downed plane, Egypt forensics chief says

Some of the passengers' belongings and parts of the wreck of EgyptAir Flight 804. GETTY IMAGES

The head of Egypt's forensics authority dismissed as premature a suggestion on Tuesday that the small size of the body parts retrieved since an EgyptAir plane crashed last week indicated there had been an explosion on board.

Investigators struggling to work out why the Airbus 320 jet vanished from radar screens last Thursday, with 66 passengers and crew on board, are looking for clues in the human remains and debris recovered from the Mediterranean Sea so far.

The plane and its black box recorders, which could explain what brought down the Paris-Cairo flight as it entered Egyptian air space, have not been located.

An Egyptian forensics official said 23 bags of body parts had been collected, the largest no bigger than the palm of a hand. Speaking on condition of anonymity, the official said their size pointed to an explosion, although no trace of explosives had been detected.

But Hisham Abdelhamid, head of Egypt's forensics authority, said this assessment was "mere assumptions" and that it was too early to draw conclusions.

At least two other sources with direct knowledge of the investigation also said it would be premature to say what caused EgyptAir flight 804 to plunge into the sea.

"All we know is it disappeared suddenly without making a distress call," one of them said, adding that only by analyzing the black boxes or a large amount of debris could authorities begin to form a clearer picture.

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Teen sentenced to 38 years for murdering Iraqi immigrant

Nykerion Nealon, 19, was convicted of fatally shooting Ahmed al-Jumaili, 36, in March 2015 in the parking lot of his apartment complex.

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A Dallas jury sentenced a teenager to 38 years in prison on Tuesday for murdering an Iraqi immigrant as he took family pictures while experiencing snow for the first time.

Al-Jumaili had only been in the United States for about three weeks and authorities had thought the case might have been a hate crime. They later determined Nealon did not know al-Jumaili's ethnicity and said he may have been trying to retaliate for a shooting at his girlfriend's apartment.

Prosecutors said Nealon, who was 17 years old at the time, fired 14 rounds from an AK-47, striking al-Jumaili, who was in the snow with members of his family, once in the chest.

Al-Jumaili ran to his apartment and collapsed. He was pronounced dead at a hospital.

"Coming to this country for a new start, only to have it stripped away from them in such a horrible fashion, has been unimaginable," Alia Salem, executive director of the local branch of the Council on American-Islamic Relations, a Muslim advocacy group, told reporters after the guilty verdict.

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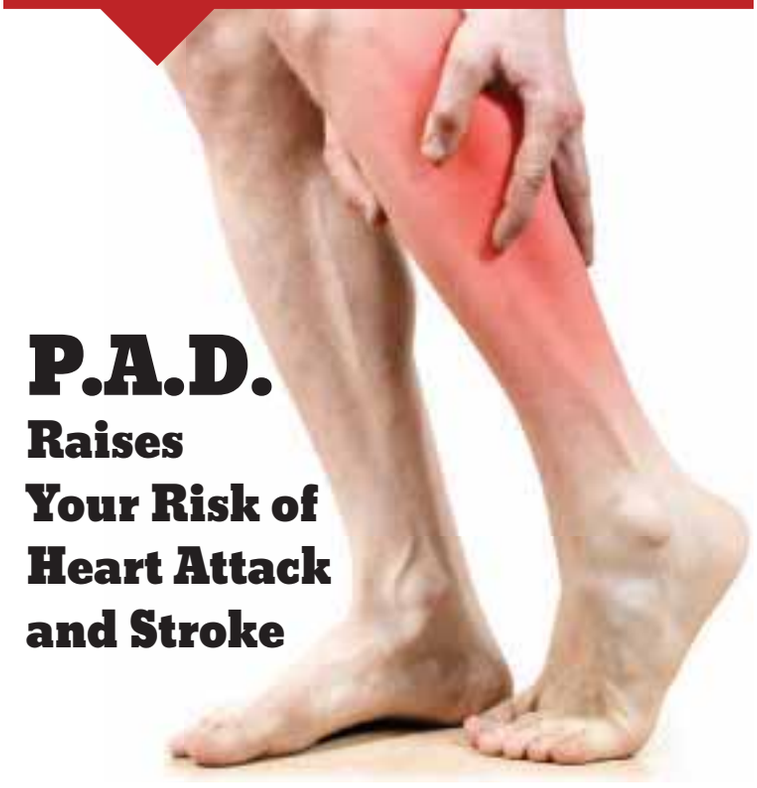

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Cosby on trial, inside and outside of court

Bill Cosby departs Tuesday from the courthouse MATT ROURKE/POOL PHOTO

Judge orders disgraced comedian, 78, to stand trial on sexual assault charges after bruising hearing.

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Bill Cosby waved to fans as he left the Montgomery County Courthouse, moments after a judge ruled Tuesday that the 78-year-old disgraced comedian would stand trial on sexual assault charges.

"We love you Bill!" die-hard supporters yelled, while others in the crowd outside the court hissed, "I wish I could spit on him." All the while, the jungle of television cameras recorded the action.

"They're trying to tear down our icons," fumed local James King, who came to court in support of Cosby. "You're going to beat this, Bill!"

So far, Cosby has done anything but. His lawyers' attempts to get the charges thrown out have failed, and, on Monday, the Pennsylvania Supreme Court rejected a motion to delay Tuesday's preliminary hearing while he appealed the lower court decision.

After a bruising four-hour hearing, Judge Elizabeth R. McHugh ruled enough evidence exists to go forward with a trial on former Temple University basketball coach Andrea Constand's accusations that Cosby drugged and sexually assaulted her while she was incapacitated.

Although dozens of women have accused Cosby of doing the same to them over several decades, he has been charged only in Constand's case.

Unlike most states, in Pennsylvania, a district attorney can charge someone with a crime without getting an indictment from a grand jury. A judge must determine at a preliminary hearing whether prosecutors have shown that it is likely a crime has been committed before deciding to go to trial.

For Cosby's top-notch defense team lawyers, it was probably their last chance to get the charges dismissed and head off a trial that could send him to prison if he's convicted.

Despite shouting himself hoarse during the hearing, veteran Philly criminal defense lawyer Brian McMonagle was unsuccessful.

"Stop this! Stop this!" he shouted at McHugh during closing arguments of the hearing. "It should have been stopped years ago."

Cosby could face up to 10 years for the alleged sexual assault in his Elkins Park mansion in January 2004 of the then-31-year-old Constand.

Constand was a no-show at Tuesday's hearing, but the Pennsylvania criminal code allows such hearings to go forward on the basis of statements of victims. Three law enforcement officials who interviewed Constand and Cosby in 2005 read their statements and answered questions about the interviews.

Cosby, who is legally blind and required an aide's help to walk into court, wore a suit and sat frowning in pained silence during their testimony. His eyes widened at times as detectives recounted his accuser's claims.

Cosby's and Constand's versions of what happened in Cosby's home 12 years ago are essentially the same: He gave her pills, which he identified as Benadryl, and that the two then engaged in sexual activity. But in Constand's version of the story, she was "paralyzed," panicked and deeply disturbed by what happened. In Cosby's version, it was consensual sex.

"We began to pet … touching and kissing with clothes on," he told police in a 2005 interview read at the hearing. "I enjoyed it."

McMonagle harped on inconsistencies in Constand's story, and argued that previous meetings with Cosby where he touched her body, and one where they lay on a bed together at Foxwoods Casino, indicated their relationship was consensual. He added that after the alleged assault, she went to dinner with Cosby, and got tickets from him for a show in Canada to which she brought her family.

But Montgomery County DA Kevin Steele said Constand could not have given consent because she was drugged.

Judge McHugh upheld all charges and scheduled a formal criminal arraignment for Cosby on July 20.

After that, Cosby spoke for the first and only time during the hearing, saying, "Thank you."

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Collectors display their Banksy art in Rome

The mysterious British street artist known as Banksy has stenciled on surfaces from London to Gaza, but now a large collection of his work is going on display in a much more conventional setting — a museum in Rome.

Banksy's identity has never been revealed, but his subversive murals, sculptures and ironic epigrams have become highly sought after in the establishment world he satirizes.

He has had nothing to do with "War, Capitalism & Liberty" — the new show of about 150 works, which organizers are at pains to point out have all been lent by private collectors and not ripped off the street.

Co-curator Acoris Andipa said all the pieces, including images of a protester poised to throw a bunch of flowers and two children holding a heart-shaped balloon as they stand on a pile of guns, had been bought on the various occasions when the artist has put his work on sale around the world.

"The art works here are not street art," Andipa said. "People are now beginning to learn, through the public sales, that he is not just a street artist, he puts food on his plate so to speak by way of commercial output."

Banksy, believed to have been born in Bristol, England in the 1970s, has arranged his own exhibitions in the past, communicating through written statements.

Last year, he opened the "Dismaland" theme park at the English seaside, where staff carried balloons proclaiming "I'm an imbecile" and model boats full of refugees floated in a pond.

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Kelly Osbourne escalates Ozzy-Sharon divorce drama

Yikes! Things just keep getting more and more heated for the Osbournes. On Monday, Kelly tweeted a not-so-nice message along with the phone number of her father Ozzy's alleged mistress, Michelle Pugh, to her followers. Rumors have been circulating that the Black Sabbath frontman has been engaged in a six-month-long affair with Pugh, a hairstylist at the famed Meche salon in Beverly Hills — where both Kelly and her mother have gotten their hair done. Who could blame Kelly for lashing out? We'd all be quick to defend our mama in this situation, especially considering that Ozzy's transgression has ended their marriage of 33 years.

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Guys, stop assaulting female celebs

Being rich and famous comes with all kinds of perks like free swag and VIP access to pretty much anywhere — but not to other people's bodies, which certain men have been forgetting recently. Last week, Uma Thurman felt "violated" after Italian entrepreneur Lapo Elkann kissed her onstage during an auction. Now, it's "Daily Show" correspondent Jessica Williams who's calling out some bad behavior. Williams was on the red carpet at the Peabody Awards on Saturday night when "all of a sudden, this guy, this popular actor comes up behind me and just grabs me and just pulls me in towards him. ... He was like, 'Yeah, girl. You fine,'" New York Magazine reports. According to Williams, the incident was laughed off "because he's a great actor." But things could've gone very differently: "If I was at a f—ing bodega in Harlem and this happened to me, I would literally stab you."

JoJo Fletcher shamed for liking options

Hot off the presses with news that's not news: This season's "Bachelorette," Jojo Fletcher, admits she had feelings for more than just one of the 26 guys recruited to hypothetically sweep her off her feet during Season 12. The 25-year-old Texan admits to People magazine, "I fell for more than one guy. And that was surprising! It's very painful." The pub suggests Fletcher might be mirroring her own bad experience as a contestant on "The Bachelor," when Ben Higgins professed his love to both her and his eventual fiancee. Or, consider it apathy: "If I only had feelings for one guy, it would have been smooth sailing. But each relationship was so important to me," Fletcher continues. "When you get to the end, it can get really confusing." It really can.

Did Prince burn Madonna?

As if Madonna's Prince tribute at the Billboard Awards wasn't controversy enough. According to Prince's ex, Anna Fantastic, Madonna wanted him to appear in the video for their duet, "Love Song." At the time, Madge was splitting with her then-husband Sean Penn and reportedly told Prince the song meant a lot to her. Fantastic told TMZ she encouraged Prince to go along with it, but he said, "Me and Madonna in a video? No thanks."

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Yvonne Strahovski likes the dark side

The "Chuck" and "Dexter" actress plays a neo-femme fatale in "Manhattan Night."

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Yvonne Strahovski plays a widow who gets a journalist (Adrien Brody) involved in an unsolved murder in "Manhattan Night," now on VOD. LIONSGATE

As a Los Angeleno by way of Australia, Yvonne Strahovski is pretty impressed with New Yorkers.

"They're hardcore," the actress tells us, referring to the wildly different seasons and life in a concrete jungle. "I always look at the older people walking around New York, and how they have a more manual lifestyle than people in Los Angeles. There's no cars, you have to walk down the street to do anything, you have to carry everything around. I'm always fascinated by people who've lived there for years and years and years."

Strahovski spent a month in the city — during December, no less — filming "Manhattan Night," a noir-y throwback about Porter Wren (Adrien Brody), an old school journalist who gets involved in a case of unsolved murder. A famous but cantankerous filmmaker (Campbell Scott, seen mostly in video footage) was found dead in an abandoned factory, and his widow Caroline (Strahovski) offers to help him investigate. But soon her motives start to seem more and more suspect.

If this were a noir from the '40s, Caroline would be a femme fatale. Since this is 2016, she's more complicated.

"She's sexually manipulative but lonely at the same time," Strahovski offers. "She has real feelings even though she's manipulative. She knows what she wants from Porter, and that directly conflicts with her human side." She has two extremes to her personality, but Strahovski's performance makes sure they don't seem contradictory. "We all struggle as humans with some kind of duality."

Strahovski is no stranger to playing good and bad. She spent multiple seasons on the former side on "Chuck," playing agent Sarah Walker. She chased that as a serial killer on "Dexter." Going to the dark side appeals to her.

"There's a sense of freedom in scenes that require those kinds of heightened emotions," Strahovski says. "In our society, it's not socially acceptable to act like that. It's always interesting to go there. It's always interesting to think about what you would do if you found yourself in those situations.

"Daily life is always a negotiation. We're always negotiating with ourselves and with the outside world — with our environment, our jobs, our life," she adds. "That's what I find fascinating about what I get to do for a living: exploring the negotiations we all endure in life."

Strahovski has been able to mix things up, going from "Dexter" to the Broadway production of Clifford Odets' "Golden Boy," which she did to acclaim in 2012. Still, even for her those jobs don't come up every day.

"It's a little hard to find those roles," she explains. "There's a lot of stuff out there that's bland, then you find these little gems, roles you can sink your teeth into and explore something interesting. I always enjoy when I get to do something different."

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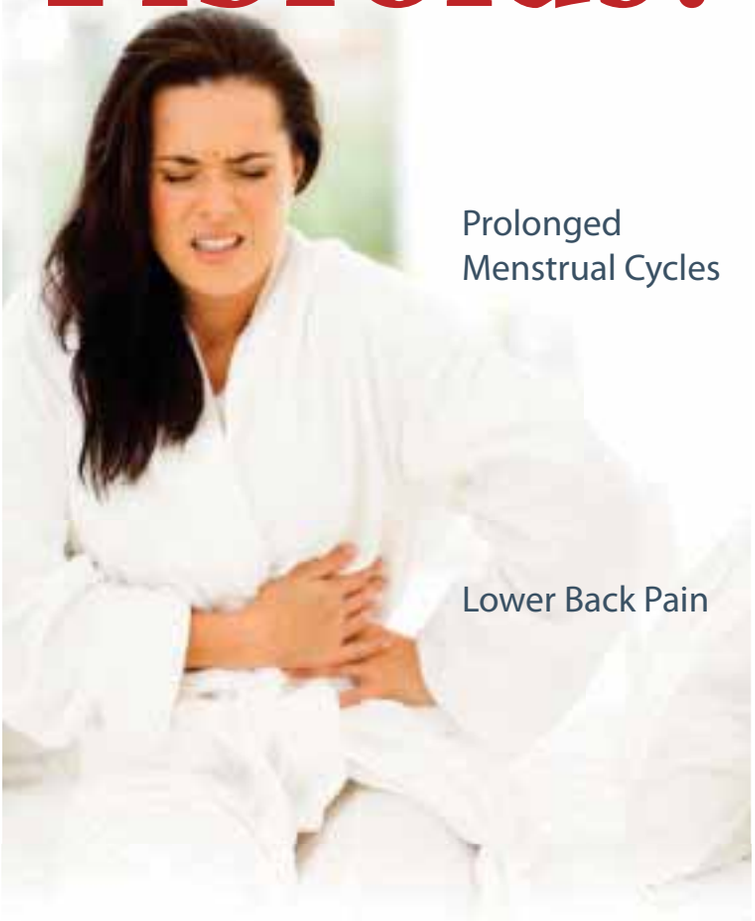

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Israeli hummus by way of Philly

Michael Solomonov brings Dizengoff to Chelsea Market.

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Philadelphia chef Michael Solomonov is best known for two very different restaurants. His empire, along with partner Steven Cook, spans two of the city's best-loved eateries — Zahav, with its revered upscale Israeli food, and the beautiful fried marriage of crispy chicken and doughnuts that is Federal Donuts.

For their first foray into the NYC dining scene, Solomonov and Cook are splitting the difference between those two concepts and bringing their casual hummusiya, Dizengoff, to Chelsea Market.

The official opening day is May 25, but you can already roll up to the cheerful red counter for their remarkably silky chickpea-based dip. It's as ancient a food as it gets, and while dedicated hummus bars have been popular in Israel for many years, they're just now catching on here.

"On a very basic level, a hummusiya is a hummus and pickles restaurant," explains Solomonov, who calls hummusiyas "an integral part of my life."

"In Israel, hummus is eaten at breakfast, lunch and dinner. It's the Israeli people's definition of comfort food, eaten by everyone."

Dizengoff brings another, more casual layer to our understanding of Jewish cuisine, which has been broadening recently beyond jaw-dislocating pastrami sandwiches. In the East Village, Timna has been quietly turning out excellent seafood-focused fare (and its blooming bread served in a flower pot has rightly received acclaim, too) while Combina has pretty much taken over SoHo's tapas scene with its Israel-meets-Spain plates of salt-cod doughnuts and persimmon carpaccio.

The restaurant will serve five kinds of hummus (several of them vegan) with seasonal additions like avocado with peanut harissa and hot ground spiced lamb, served with Dizengoff's renown laffa bread and a selection of pickles.

New to the NYC location will be small salads called salatim, which traditionally begin meals in Israel. "They are not your typical leafy salad but rather, they are various vegetables served cooked or raw," he says. "They also often have a good punch of acid and salt."

While "staples" like eggplant and Moroccan carrot salads will be available all year round, expect changing flavors throughout the season. "Tabbouleh is a great example of a salad that changes seasonally — lately, we've been serving brussels sprouts tabbouleh with pears and walnuts."

Also exclusive to this Dizengoff, and only at breakfast through 11:30 a.m., is shakshuka, a North African dish of poached eggs in a spicy tomato-based stew. To complement the dishes, there are Israeli wines, local beers on tap and, for the warmer days to come, frozen lemonade with mint spiked with bourbon.

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At this point in NYC's evolution, new waterfront space is pretty much an impossible dream. So The Brooklyn Barge created its own.

The floating bar and restaurant at Greenpoint Terminal Market on Milton Street reopens for the season today, after a brief end-of-summer stint last year. The team has "worked out the kinks" that caused those delays, a rep says, "since there was no precedent for a barge with water activities/programming and food/drinks." How did this take so long?

The result looks, appropriately, very much like the equipment on the deck of a ship was used to cobble together a bar. The views are of Lower Manhattan and Williamsburg Bridge from seats on the boat as well as a handful of tables on a dock along the East River shoreline. A new menu designed by chef Bradford Thompson, who's worked in kitchens from Miss Lilly's to Daniel, includes dishes like a fried chicken sandwich with kale slaw and sriracha mayo, and grilled fish tacos, all coming out of a tiny kitchen housed in a shipping container. There's wine, 10 beers on tap (plus bottles and cans) and a full liquor bar — in Greenpoint, the Moscow Mule is apparently made with tequila.

The Barge is also working on using the water around it — free kayaking is already available, with stand-up paddle boarding, sailing and catch-and-release fishing in the works. Historic boats that drop anchor nearby, presumably to freshen up their crews, will also be opened for tours.

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Thrift smart

Rejoice, vintage fiends — flea market season is here. We've got expert tips on buying, haggling and resisting.

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For most people, Memorial Day weekend is the kick-off to summer. But for the vintage-fiends among us, it marks the beginning of flea market season. Whether you're hitting the open-air markets or just making your usual thrift-shop rounds, we checked in with the experts for some savvy shopping tips.

Shop with an open mind

There's a time and a place for a shopping list. But if you're working on curating a great, unique space? Skip it and see what the flea-market gods are offering up that day. "I never go looking — I just go out and see what presents itself," says Tereasa Surratt, who penned a how-to book, "Found, Free and Flea," after transforming a run-down Wisconsin lake resort into the superchic Camp Wandawega. "You don't want to become a hoarder, but if I find a really good piece, I'll buy it and get rid of something else. It's in my DNA."

Be realistic

Sometimes, it's more than worth it to buy a piece that needs some love. But before you do, make sure you know how much work, time and money is involved in its rehab. "Most of the time, you can't just throw on a quick coat of paint," says Sue Whitney, whose fourth book, "Junk Beautiful: Furniture Re [Freshed] with Junkmarket Style" hits shelves this summer. "You have to know your skill set and how much time you're willing to invest."

Set high quality standards

Before you get excited about that bargain-price midcentury-modern desk, take a look at its nut and bolts — not all vintage is created equal. "Just because something's cheap doesn't mean it's going to save you money," says Whitney. "It has to be a sturdy, good-quality piece, especially if you plan to refinish it. If not, you're more or less throwing money away."

Know when to haggle

Opinions vary about haggling — some pro-thrifters find it distasteful, some live for it. While Surratt always pays the sticker price at thrift stores, she recommends trying your luck at a flea. "At flea markets, you shouldn't feel awkward about haggling — they're expecting it, and their prices reflect that," she says. "You can really find deals two hours before close — nobody wants to pack stuff up, and they'll likely accept less money than take things home."

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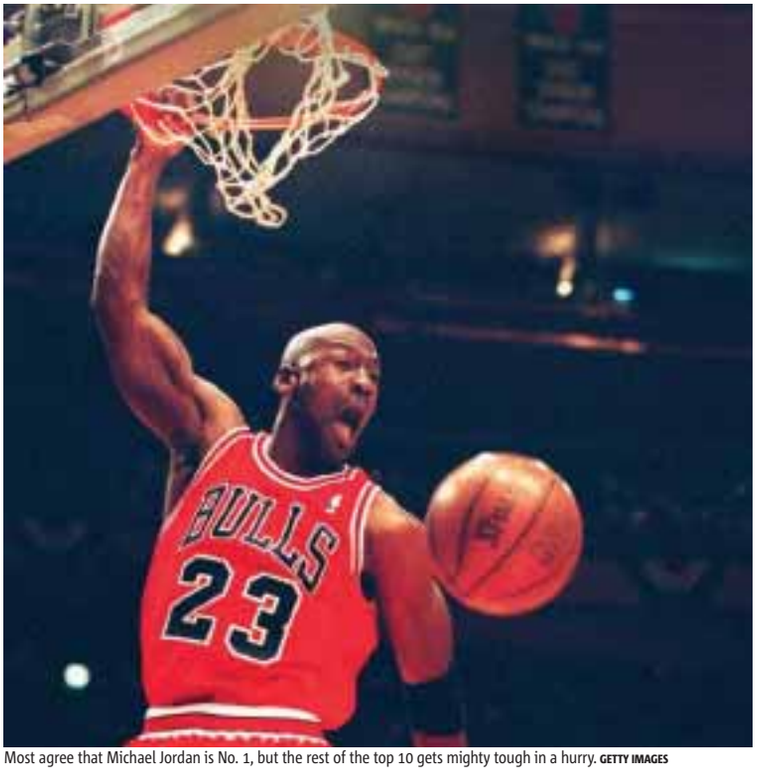

Most agree that Michael Jordan is No. 1, but the rest of the top 10 gets mighty tough in a hurry. GETTY IMAGES

OPINION

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It might be the best sports-bar argument of all time. Who are the top 10 greatest basketball players ever? Football is the ultimate team sport, so it's hard to single any one guy out. In baseball, what's more important — a positional player or a pitcher? In hockey, are we counting goaltenders? Basketball might be the easiest one to figure out, but at the same time, narrowing this list down to just 10 was harder than hitting a halfcourt shot on the first try.

I really can't wait for the backlash to this, so here's how to dispute this top 10. Email me at Matthew.Burke@Metro.us or get at me on Twitter @Burke_Metro

We'll run as many reader responses as possible in print next week.

1 Michael Jordan

The only reason why you would not have Jordan at No. 1 is because the era in which he reached his peak. The 1990s was far from the best era in NBA history in terms of top competition and Jordan never really had a true rival. Not Jordan's fault, but Russell had Chamberlain and Magic had Bird. If any of those guys were in their primes during the '90s it's hard to imagine that Jordan comes away with six titles.

2 Bill Russell

Russell won 11 NBA titles in 13 seasons. He's the greatest winner in sports history, bar none. The knock here is that a measly nine teams played in the league at the time. On one hand that means the top teams he faced had multiple future Hall of Famers. All the teams were stacked. On the other hand, guys like Jordan played in an era where there were 28 other teams vying for a championship. It's a quality vs. quantity argument.

3 Magic Johnson

Most NBA historians will tell you that the 1980s was the greatest era in NBA history, and Magic led his team to more titles than anyone else during the league's golden era, with five. He redefined what a point guard looks like and he famously played center in place of the No. 5 guy on this list in Game 6 of the 1980 NBA Finals. Magic scored 42 points and pulled down 15 rebounds in a Lakers title win.

4 Larry Bird

Bird won three titles to Magic's five during the golden era, but injuries to himself and his Celtics teammates may have cost the franchise a title or two in those years. Bird won the league's MVP Award three years in a row (1984-86) and for those who want to claim that he was actually a better player than Jordan, there's this argument — Bird was a decidedly better shooter, passer and rebounder than the No. 1 guy on this list.

5 Kareem Abdul-Jabbar

Kareem was an elite player longer than any player in league history and is the league's all-time leading scorer. He was a record six-time league MVP, a record 19-time All-Star and won six NBA titles in his career. The knock here is that at least half of those title wins came with Magic as the team's best player.

6 Tim Duncan

Duncan won five titles during a time in which the league transitioned away from a game dominated by big men. Freak athletes like LeBron James and Kevin Durant were the prototype players in the 2000s and continue to be in this current decade, but Duncan's Spurs just kept finding a way to spoil the fun. Duncan is the best chameleon in league history as his teams won titles in a variety of different fashions. It was a twin towers approach with he and David Robinson in 1999, then it transitioned to the well-oiled machine of Duncan, Tony Parker and Manu Ginobili in the mid-2000s, and then he won a title just two years ago with Kawhi Leonard and the pretty-passing, space-the-floor Spurs.

7 Wilt Chamberlain

Wilt famously scored 100 points in a game and is statistically the G.O.A.T. He averaged an absurd 50.4 points per game in the 1961-62 season. But the guy just could not beat the No. 2 guy on this list. Russell and the Celtics beat Chamberlain's teams in seven of eight playoff series' and Russell's teams won all four Game 7s in which the rivals squared off. Russell won 11 titles, Wilt just 2. That is pure dominance any way you slice it.

8 Jerry West

Like Chamberlain, West was a victim of playing in the same era as Russell's Celtics. Despite the fact that he won just one title, West earned the nickname of "Mr. Clutch" during his playing career. The 60-foot shot he made in Game 3 of the 1970 NBA Finals against the Knicks is arguably the greatest shot in league history. "The logo" made the All-Star team 14 times.

9 LeBron James

LeBron is on the verge of reaching his seventh NBA Finals – sixth consecutive. No player his size – 6-foot-8, 250-pounds of pure muscle – has ever been able to run the floor like him. LeBron is a four-time MVP and a much better passer and rebounder than the flavor of the decade – Stephen Curry. Oh, and LeBron NEVER gets injured. Yup, he might be the most passive-aggressive athlete in sports history and he represents a lot that is wrong with the current pro sports climate, but there is no denying his greatness as a player.

10 Oscar Robertson

Robertson is widely regarded as the greatest all-around player in NBA history. The guy averaged a friggin' triple-double and it wasn't one of those 12 points per game deals either. In the 1961-62 season he averaged a whopping 30.8 points, 12.5 rebounds and 11.4 assists per game. The knock here is that he won just one title.

The snubs

Kobe Bryant
His Lakers missed the playoffs altogether in 2005 and they were bounced in the first round in 2006 and 2007.

Stephen Curry
I love Curry like the next guy, but the sample size just isn't large enough yet.

Hakeem Olajuwon
Won his only two titles against two non-Michael Jordan-led teams.

Shaquille O'Neal
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Luis Suarez went down in a heap last weekend. GETTY IMAGES

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The buildup to the 2016 Copa America has begun with the U.S. men's national team naming its 23-man roster on Saturday and then winning a friendly 3-1 at Puerto Rico on Sunday afternoon. The biggest stars return to their lineup later this week as they host Ecuador on Wednesday (8, ESPN2) in Frisco, Texas and then Bolivia on Saturday (8, ESPN2) in Kansas City. The United States vs. Colombia kicks off the 2016 Copa America on June 3 in Santa Clara, California (7:30, FS1).

Manchester United wins FA Cup but van Gaal is still fired

Louis van Gaal's last match in charge of Manchester United (England) was a memorable one on Saturday afternoon as ManU rallied for a 2-1 win over Crystal Palace in extra time of the FA Cup Final at Wembley Stadium. Manchester United's 12 FA Cup titles ties Arsenal for the most all-time. Former Chelsea manager Jose Mourinho will replace van Gaal, who was unceremoniously fired on Monday after only two seasons and most recently, a disappointing fifth-place finish in the Barclays Premier League.

Bayern Munich records another double

After winning the Bundesliga, Bayern Munich (Germany) captured another German Cup with a 4-3 penalty kick victory over Borussia Dortmund on Saturday afternoon. Douglas Costa scored the game-winner to send manager Pep Guardiola out on a high note (he's headed to Manchester City). Bayern also welcomed the return of center back and former Dortmund captain Mats Hummels (who started his professional career with Bayern), signing him to a five-year contract on Monday.

Barcelona also completes a double but Suarez gets hurt

Finally, Barcelona (Spain) won the Copa del Rey Final on Sunday afternoon against Sevilla, 2-0 in extra time. Jordi Alba and Neymar provided the goals for the La Liga champions but superstar striker Luis Suarez left in the 57th minute with a potentially serious hamstring injury. He was in tears on the bench after being subbed out, leaving many to wonder if he'll be able to play in Copa America next month for Uruguay.

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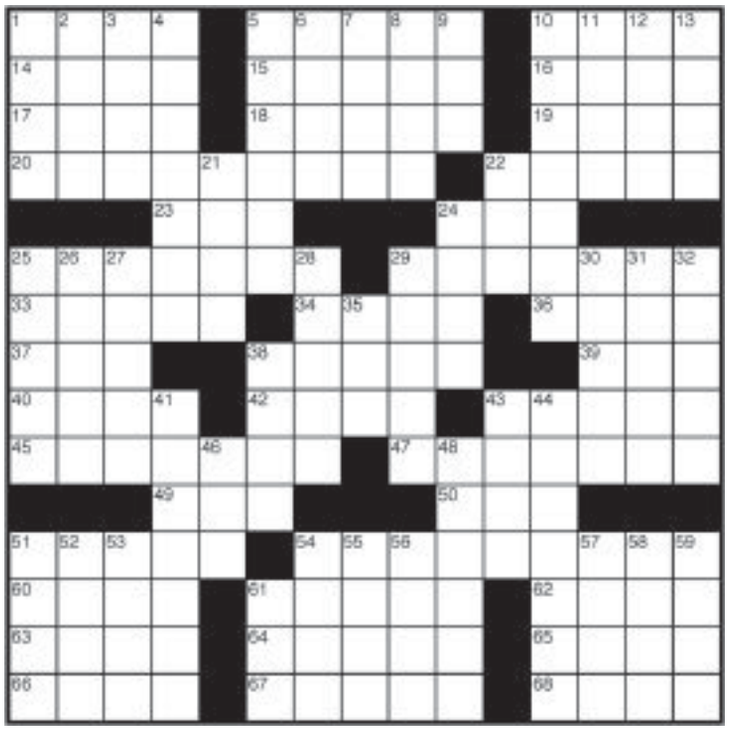

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Aries A well-thought-out strategy, along with discipline and the willingness to make abrupt decisions, will help your financial situation. Personal updates will pay off. Love is encouraged.

Taurus Make travel plans or get together with an old friend. Mingling and sharing information will help you make a decision regarding a future prospect. A change of location looks inviting.

Gemini Personal responsibilities and health concerns are best addressed early in the day. Refuse to let anyone take advantage of your time or pressure or entice you to neglect your duties.

Cancer If you share your feelings, you will convince people to see things your way. Home improvements will make your life better. An unexpected change in lifestyle will be beneficial.

Leo Visit a destination that gives you hope of positive change. Put more energy and thought into bringing your ideas out in the open and making them work for you.

Virgo Exercise your right to voice your opinion. If you explain what you want to do to someone with vision, you will receive the help you need to get started.

Libra Spend more time on presentation. Update your appearance and make a point to take better care of your health. Don't let an emotional matter drag you down.

Scorpio Take charge and do things your way. Your unique approach and bold vision for your life will help you build momentum for things to come.

Sagittarius Keep a tight hold of your possessions, assets and personal information. Don't trust anyone using manipulative measures to find out what you are up to.

Capricorn If you close a deal, you will come out ahead. Positive changes at home can be made based on a good plan and by using extra cash that comes your way.

Aquarius You'll crave change and excitement. Check out the job market for a position that allows you to use your physical skills as well as your experience.

Pisces Your intuition will be fine-tuned. You'll recognize if someone is trying to take advantage of you or manipulate a situation that involves you. **EUGENIA LAST**

CROSSWORD CORRECTION

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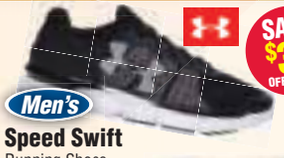

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